

Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department



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Termites: In addition to soil treatment, we are now accepting Borate Treatment for termites. Since there are now two approved methods of treatment for termites a letter stating the intended method to be used is required to be submitted prior to permit issuance. Your plans must also state the intended type of treatment method to be used. Upon completion of the job and prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, a letter from the pest control company stating the method of treatment used must be received in our office.

Registered to Certified - We are still waiting for final applications and instructions from the State regarding the process. Keep watching the Informer for information.

NEW FLOOD MAPS became effective January 19, 2000. We will be requiring the information from the new flood maps on the elevation certificates for all permits issued on January 19, 2000 or after. FEMA has also updated the Elevation Certificate and will be phasing them in through October. The new elevation certificate can be downloaded from the FEMA web site, www.fema.gov.

EMERGENCY EGRESS WINDOWS:
All egress or rescue windows from

sleeping rooms must have a net clear opening of 5.7 sq. ft. The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24" and the minimum net clear opening width shall be 20". Exception: grade floor windows may have a minimum net clear opening of 5 sq.ft. (Ref: SBC, 1997 ed.) Any changes must be made by the framing stage, no others will be accepted.

DCA Modular Units – Be aware that there are distinct differences between a DCA Modular Unit and a "Mobile Home" (HUD unit). The permitting process for a DCA unit is the same as it is for a site built building, which requires the submittal of 2 sets of sealed drawings including a foundation plan, energy forms, site plan, and a septic tank permit or sewer tap. A DCA unit must be anchored to a permanent foundation. A DCA unit may be set up once; thereafter, it is treated the same as a site built building and is subject to all current codes for any addition, remodel or moving. Furthermore, DCA units are designed for a specific purpose, (i.e. residential use, commercial use, etc.). A HUD (Mobile Home) unit is for residential use only. If a DCA unit is to be moved, after the initial setup, then the building must pass a pre-inspection before it may be moved. A "Mobile Home" does not require this type of inspection.